(Office of the Chief Controller of Imports and Exports);

(b) what is the machanism to make a periodical assessment of the efficiency of the set up of this organisation; and

(c) what steps will be taken to increase the efficiency of the above?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULU RAMAIAH): (a) After liberalisation in the EXIM Policy the role of the organisation has changed form that of control to facilitation and promotion of exports. The erstwhile Import and Export Trade Control Act, 1947 has been replaced by the Foreign Trade (Development and Regulation) Act, 1992 on the 7th of August 1992. The organisation itself has been renamed from the Office of the Chief Controller of Imports and Exports to the Directorate General Foreign Trade. The 31 field offices of the organisation have been made nodal agencies to deal with problems faced by exporters by acting as facilitators, co-ordinators and export promoters.

(b) and (c) Most of the major field offices of the organisation have been computerised and a system of on-line monitoring of certain time bound activities has been put. into operation. It is also proposed to computerise all the field offices by the 31st of March 1997. Further, the functioning of the organisation is regularly monitored through monthly Management Information Suystcm (MIS) reports. Periodical inspection of the field offices is also undertaken. There is regular interaction with the trade and industry at different forums to identitfy and remove delay and procedural bottlenecks so as to further facilitate exports.

Working of Vigilance Officers in KVIC head Office

2750. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state;

(a) whether there is a Chief Vigilance Officer in the head office of Khadi and Village Industries Corporation in Mumbai to enquire and be alert about fraud and corruption at various offices;

(b) Is so, in what manner this officer discharges his responsibility;

(c) whether the head office is fully aware is of the continuing frauds perpetuated to the tune of ten crores in the Visakhapatnam office in the last five years;

(d) the number of such criminals apprehended by the Chief Vigilance Officer of KVIC in Visakhapatnam office under its jurisdiction; and

(c) if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The chief Executive Officer of KVIC has been assigned the duties of Chief Vigilance Officer. The Chief Vigilance Officer in KVIC acts upon the directives prescribed in Vigilance Mannual, circulars issued by KVIC, orders of the Ministry of Industry, Govt. of India as well as chief Vigilance Commissioner, New Delhi, from time to time.

(c) No, Sir. The KVIC has not received any specific complaint. However, certain complants on procedural irrcgulartics committed by the State Office, KVIC Visakhapatnam have been received. Action has been initiated by the KVIC to investigate the matter.

(d) and (c) In view of the answer at (c) above, the question does not arise.